EXHIBIT A

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STEVEN ROGERS AND COLLEEN ROGERS, his wife

Plaintiffs,

ν.

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY
OF AMERICA, JOHN DOES 1 - 10;
MARY ROES 1 - 10; Casualty Insurance
Adjusters employed by or retained by
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to adjust PLAINTIFFSS' STORM
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Roes 1-10 and John Does1-10

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CIVIL ACTION

SUMMONS

The State of New Jersey,

the Above Named Defendant:

SELECTIVE INSURANCE COMPANY OF

AMERICA

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED in a Civil Action in the Superior Court of New Jersey, instituted by the above named plaintiff(s), and required to serve upon the attorney(s) for the plaintiff(s), whose name and office address appears above, an answer to the annexed complaint within 35 days after the service of the summons and complaint upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to answer, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint. You shall promptly file your answer and proof of service thereof with the Clerk of the Superior Court, Ocean County at 118 Washington Street Toms River, New Jersey 08754, in accordance with the rules of civil practice and procedure.

If you cannot afford to pay an attorney, call a Legal Services Office. An individual not eligible for free legal assistance may obtain a referral to an attorney by calling a county lawyer referral service. These numbers may be listed in the yellow

pages of your phone book. The phone numbers for the county in which this action is pending are: Lawyer Referral Service, 732-240-3666, Legal Services Office, 732-341-2727.

Dated: May 26, 2015

/s/ Michelle M. Smith, Esq. Clerk of the Superior Court

Name of Defendant to be served:

Selective Insurance Company of America 40 Wantage Avenue Branchville, NJ 07890

Lawyer Referral Services:

Ass'n of Trial

Lawyers: 800-367-0089

Atlantic County: 609-345-3444 Bergen County: 201-488-0044 Burlington County: 609-261-4862 Camden County: 609-964-4520 Cape May County: 609-463-0313 Cumberland County: 609-692-6207

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New Jersey: 732-572-9100 Atlantic County: 609-348-4200 Bergen County: 201-487-2166 Burlington County: 609-261-1088 Camden County: 609-964-8251 Cape May County: 609-465-3001 Cumberland County: 609-825-6090

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Morris County

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COMPLAINT AND DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

FIRST COUNT

- On or about the 28th day of October 2012 a massive hurricane struck the New Jersey Shore, the storm was named "Super Storm Sandy".
- 2. At the time "Super Storm Sandy" struck the New Jersey Coast it did extensive damage to homes located on the entire oceanfront of Ocean County in general and particularly on the oceanfront of Long Beach Island.
- 3. At the time that "Super Storm Sandy" struck, Plaintiffs, Steven J. Rogers and Colleen Rogers, his wife, owned an oceanfront home located at 7211 Ocean Boulevard, Brant Beach, Long Beach Township, New Jersey.

- 4. At the time of the storm Plaintiffs were the owners of a flood dwelling policy issued by Selective Insurance Company of America of America bearing Policy No. FLDooooo63 which had been issued for a policy period October 30, 2011 to October 30, 2012.
- 5. The policy provided coverage limits for the building of \$250,000.00 with a deductible of \$1,000.00. The policy also provide coverage limits in the amount of \$50,000.00 for loss or damage to personal property with a deductible of \$1,000.00.
- 6. The storm caused extensive damage to the Plaintiffs' home at 7211 Ocean Boulevard. The total cost of repairs to such damage totaled \$109,565.84, after applying the \$1,000.00 deductible provided for in the policy an appropriate proof of loss was provided to Selective Insurance Company of America under date of April 24, 2014. A copy of the proof of loss is appended hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 7. On January 16, 2015 the Defendant, Selective Insurance Company of America, having failed to settle the claim Plaintiff, Steven J. Rogers, wrote to Selective Insurance Company of America again attempting to settle the claim for the sum of \$108,565.84 and the Defendant merely referred the Plaintiffs to a prior letter of May 19, 2014 alleging that the coverage was denied because they asserted that the lowest floor of the building was, "in a building enclosure below the lowest elevated floor of an elevated post-FIRM building located in zones A1-A30, AE, AH, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/AH, AR/A1-A-30, V1-V30 or VE, of in a basement, regardless of the zone. Coverage is limited to the following:". The May 19, 2014 letter had never previously been received by Plaintiffs.

- 8. Despite having suffered loss to their real estate amounting to some \$109,565.84, Defendant Selective Insurance Company of America sent a check to the Plaintiffs dated March 29, 2013 in the amount of \$25,788.17 made payable to the Plaintiffs and the Bank which did in fact hold a mortgage on their property. Along with the aforesaid check was the first time that the Plaintiffs' received any kind of itemized list of what Selective Insurance Company of America believed was covered under their flood insurance policy.
- 9. The claim adjuster sent to Plaintiffs' property at 7211 Ocean Boulevard, Brant Beach, Long Beach Township, Ocean County, New Jersey made blatant mistakes in evaluating the Plaintiffs' damage claims such as but not limited to allowing a damage claim of \$4,047.36 to remove and replace a 198 thousand BTU boiler, something which did not exist since the dwelling had always had hot air heat and had never had hot water heat nor steam heat.
- 10. On May 19, 2014, Defendant wrote to Plaintiff, Steven J. Rogers, declining his proof of loss as noted in the adjusters report previously referred to, however, the letter was never received by Plaintiffs and was returned to Defendant Selective, available for pick up at the Branchville, New Jersey post office on June 23. 2014.
- 11. The first notice which Plaintiffs had of the May 19, 2014 letter was when it was sent to them and referred to in correspondence dated January 21, 2015, noted in paragraph 7 above.
- 12. As of the date of this Complaint Defendant, Selective Insurance Company of America has failed and refused to honor their obligations under their insurance policy.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs' demand damages against Defendant in the amount of \$108,565.84 which is the amount of money which repairs for the damage caused by "Super Storm Sandy" were incurred by Plaintiffs together with attorney's fees as provided pursuant to New Jersey Court Rules, R. 4:42-9(a)(paragraph 6).

SECOND COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs' repeat each and every averment and allegation herein contained above in paragraphs 1 through 12 of the FIRST COUNT and make the same a part hereof as though herein set forth in full.
- 2. On February 18, 2015 Plaintiffs received notice from: Claims & Appeals Branch DHS-FEMA-IM-DI-RI-CA
 - A copy of which is appended hereto as Exhibit "B". That letter denied Plaintiffs' opportunity to appeal to FEMA stating that Federal Regulations required Plaintiffs to submit their appeal within 60 days from the date of the denial letter that they received from the flood insurer, apparently assuming that the May 19, 2014 denial letter had in fact been received within a reasonable period after May 19, 2014 and not in January of 2015.
- 3. The actions of Defendant Selective Insurance Company of America of America in not properly serving the May 19, 2014 denial letter on the Plaintiffs intentionally and/or negligently wrongfully deprived the Plaintiffs of their statutorily guaranteed right to appeal to FEMA thereby causing them loss as may be determined by the jury demanded in this Complaint.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs' demand damages in such amount as this Court may deem just and proper for the willful wrongdoing of Defendant Selective Insurance Company of America in not properly serving the May 19, 2014 denial letter on Plaintiffs

in a timely fashion. The damages which Plaintiffs demand are both compensatory and punitive pursuant to the New Jersey Punitive Damage Act.

THIRD COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs' repeat each and every averment and allegation herein contained above in paragraphs 1 through 12 of the FIRST COUNT and paragraphs 1 through 3 of the SECOND COUNT and make the same a part hereof as though herein set forth in full.
- 2. Under the law of New Jersey each and every contract entered into in the State of New Jersey between contracting parties contains an implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing.
- 3. Selective Insurance Company of America for the reasons hereinabove set forth and further for the reasons herein below set forth in this Complaint breached the implied covenant of good faith and fair dealing in the following instances:
 - a. Failure to properly settle the claims of Plaintiffs in a timely, professional and adequate manner.
 - Failing to employ insurance adjusters with appropriate qualifications to properly adjust their claim.
 - c. For failing to address the Complaints which Plaintiffs made concerning the inadequacy of the insurance adjusters assigned to adjust the Plaintiffs' claims based upon damage done to their real property by "Super Storm Sandy".
 - d. Failure to properly and timely deny the coverage claim for damage caused by "Super Storm Sandy".

e. Failure to ensure proper delivery and receipt of all critical documents to the Plaintiffs.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs' demand damages in such amount as this Court may deem just and proper together with interest, attorneys fees and costs of this suit.

FOURTH COUNT

- 1. Plaintiffs' repeat each and every averment and allegation herein contained above in paragraphs 1 through 12 of the FIRST COUNT, paragraphs 1 through 3 of the SECOND COUNT and paragraphs 1 through 3 of the THIRD COUNT making them a part hereof as though herein set forth in full.
- 2. When Plaintiffs negotiated, through their insurance agent, a policy with Selective Insurance the elevation of their lowest finished floor was above the base flood elevation of eleven (11) in that the finished first floor which consisted of a garage, storage areas, restroom facilities and equipment was at or above ground level which was above base flood elevation of eleven(11). The elevation certificate issued by Stuart D. Christie, a New Jersey Public Land Surveyor, License No. 29345, issued on October 12, 2000, the date when Plaintiffs acquired the property, showed that the top of the bottom floor which included the enclosed garage was at 11.6 feet or more than 6 inches above the Federally established base flood elevation of 11 feet.
- 3. Defendant, Selective Insurance Company of America of America, through their agents, servants and employees assured the Plaintiffs that they would have Federally underwritten flood insurance issued pursuant to the law governing the Federal Emergency Management Agency ensuring that coverage would be provided in the amount of \$250,000.00 for the building and \$50,000.00 for

- the contents with a \$1,000.00 deductible for damage to the building and an additional \$1,000.00 deductible for damage to contents.
- 4. The settlement offered by Defendant, Selective Insurance Company of America was contrary to the representations which had been made to Plaintiffs in as much as Selective Insurance Company of America has refused to honor damage claims for damage to the structure located below the elevated first floor above the garage and upon reviewing the "FLOOD DWELLING POLICY DECLARATION RENEWAL" Plaintiffs discovered for the first time that Selective in examining the house to write the policy wrote the policy in error stating that the dwelling was two floors and was "ELEVATED WITHOUT ENCLOSURE", whereas, as the evidence will show at least since 2002 the elevation of the enclosed garage and storage area was clearly visible even on casual inspection.
- 5. As a result of the actions of the Defendant, Selective Insurance Company of America directly and through their agents constitute the act, use or employment of false pretense, false promise and misrepresentation in violation of the New Jersey Consumer Fraud Act, N.J.S.A. 56:8-2, in that Plaintiffs were assured that their structure would be insured against damage due to hurricanes, wave wash and alike.
- 6. The Plaintiffs have suffered an ascertainable loss as a result of the wrongful acts of Defendant, Selective Insurance Company of America.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs demand damages together with attorneys fees and costs of this suit and further demand that the damages be trebled by this Court.

R. 4:5-1 CERTIFICATION

It is hereby certified that the matter in controversy herein is not subject to any other action pending in any other Court or of a pending arbitration proceeding. No other party should or need be joined in this action.

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

DESIGNATION OF TRIAL COUNSEL

Pursuant to New Jersey Rules of Court, Richard J. Shackleton, Esquire, is hereby designated as Trial Counsel in this cause.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff demands a trial by jury as to all issues.

SHACKLETON & HAZELŢINE

Attorney's for Plaintiff

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RICHARDIJ. SHACKLETON

Dated: May 13, 2015

Appendix XII-B1

TELEPHONE NUMBER

(609) 494-2136



ATTORNEY/PRO SE NAME

Richard J. Shackleton, Esquire

CIVIL CASE INFORMATION STATEMENT (CIS)

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TRACK ASSIGNMENT NOTICE

DATE: MAY 19, 2015
RE: ROGERS VS SELECTIVE INSURANCE CO OF AMERICA DOCKET: OCN L -001389 15

THE ABOVE CASE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED TO: TRACK 2.

DISCOVERY IS 300 DAYS AND RUNS FROM THE FIRST ANSWER OR 90 DAYS SERVICE ON THE FIRST DEPENDANT, WHICHEVER COMES FIRST. FROM

THE PRETRIAL JUDGE ASSIGNED IS: HON ROBERT A. FALL

002 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, CONTACT TEAM (732) 929-4771 EXT 4771. AT:

IF YOU BELIEVE THAT THE TRACK IS INAPPROPRIATE YOU MUST FILE A CERTIFICATION OF GOOD CAUSE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE FILING OF YOUR PLEADING. PLAINTIFF MUST SERVE COPIES OF THIS FORM ON ALL OTHER PARTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH R.4:5A-2.

ATTENTION:

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